

To the Secretary of State:

House bill No. 89, entitled "An Act to create, establish and maintain a branch asylum or home for the care, treatment and support of idiots and imbeciles of this State, and to make an appropriation therefor," is herewith transmitted, disapproved, the grounds of objection being:

1. The appropriation, fifteen thousand dollars, to which the expenditure is limited, is altogether inadequate for the purpose intended.

2. The care and maintenance of idiots and imbeciles should be so different from that of epileptics that it is not believed to be a wise policy to put them under the same charge and management.

3. An institution for imbeciles and idiots should not be confined to those only who are adults, but it should also be opened to feeble minded children, to whom such instruction as they may be able to receive can be imparted.

4. Such an institution should rather be a home than an asylum, as commonly understood, and should be so located as to be of easy access to the parents and guardians of such children as may be admitted.

5. I am not averse to the making of ample provision by the State for the proper care and support of this class of unfortunates, but do not believe that the plan, as contemplated by the bill under consideration, is such as should be adopted.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS,
Governor.

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